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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.: General Permit 28

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FOR: MINOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

AND THE ASSOCIATED DISCHARGE OF DREDGED AND FILL

MATERIAL

WHERE: REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE VICKSBURG DISTRICT IN

ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI

BY WHOM: DISTRICT ENGINEER, VICKSBURG DISTRICT, ON BEHALF OF THE

GENERAL PUBLIC

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality are considering reissuance of a General Permit and State Water Quality Certifications for activities described herein. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, ATTN: CEMVK-OD-FP at the above address and to the appropriate State Agency listed below. Comments must reach these offices by the expiration date cited above.

In Arkansas, comments should be directed to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality at Post Office Box 8913, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913.

In Louisiana, a water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Comments should be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental

Services, Water Pollution Control Division, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has additional information on file in their office in Baton Rouge and this information may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality upon payment of the cost of printing. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will make a final decision on the water quality certification pertaining to this General Permit within 30 days after expiration of this notice.

In Mississippi, comments should be directed to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39289-0385.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District is considering the reissuance of a General Permit for minor activities associated with the improvement of privately-owned residential or commercial property, public property, and for activities associated with work covered under the Food Security Act. This General Permit will be effective in the Vicksburg District's regulatory jurisdiction in waters of the United States in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. A map of the Vicksburg District (enclosure 1) and drawings of typical structures (enclosure 2) are enclosed.

This proposed General Permit contains certain limitations intended to protect the environment and natural and cultural resources. Conformance with conditions contained in the General Permit does not necessarily guarantee authorization under this General Permit. In cases where the District Engineer considers it necessary, application will be required for individual permits. Construction, dredging, and fill operations not specifically authorized by this General Permit are prohibited unless authorized by a separate permit. Listed below are the types of projects that may be authorized under this General Permit. With the exception of activities subject to the Food Security Act (see Class E projects, below), no project authorized under this General Permit shall impact more than 1.0 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands. In regard to impacts to streams, the calculation for acres impacted shall include stream reaches into which fill material is directly placed, stream reaches that will become permanently impounded (e.g. recreational and retention ponds, etc.), or stream reaches that will be hydrologically relocated or bypassed as a result of the project.

1. Class A Projects: Improvements to Individual Homesites and Property. This type project includes improvements to individual homesites and related properties that are located in previously platted subdivisions, and for which major development improvements (e.g. streets, utilities) were completed prior

September 2005, or located outside platted subdivisions. Allowable improvements include, but are not limited to: mechanized land-clearing and grading; the placement of fill material for housepads, driveways, recreational facilities, and other appurtenant structures; minor modifications of streams to improve drainage, stabilize banks, and/or for the creation of recreational ponds and/or stormwater retention ponds; and shoreline improvements, including piers, boat docks, access channels, and bulkheads and retaining walls for bank stabilization purposes.

Site preparation and construction on an individual lot shall impact no more than 1 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands. Compensatory mitigation will be required for identifiable functional losses of aquatic resources. Compensatory mitigation requirements are discussed further under Special Condition 'f'. Refer to the Additional Special Conditions for other limitations regarding these type activities.

2. Class B Projects: Expansion of Existing Residential Subdivisions and Development of New Residential Subdivisions. This type project includes expansion (i.e. additional phases) of previously developed residential subdivisions and development of new residential subdivisions. Allowable improvements include, but are not limited to: land-clearing and grading; the placement of fill material for building foundations, access roads, parking lots, and other appurtenant structures; installation of utility lines and/or substations; minor modifications of streams to improve drainage, stabilize banks, and/or for the creation of recreational ponds and/or stormwater retention ponds; and minor shoreline improvements, including piers, boat docks, access channels, and bulkheads and retaining walls for bank stabilization projects.

For Class B projects, this General Permit shall only be used to authorize activities where the total area of waters of the United States, including wetlands, on the property to be subdivided is 1.0 acre or less, with the following exception. If the property contains more than 1 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands, this General Permit may be used if a protective covenant is filed and recorded in the county/parish land records office for any jurisdictional waters of the United States in excess of the 1.0 acre maximum allowable threshold for the entire development project. Further, all such protected areas shall be excluded from sellable lots; and the subdivision plat shall be revised, if necessary, to distinguish the separation of the protected areas from the sellable lots. The protective covenant on these waters of the United States shall prevent future negative impacts to these areas, but may be written to allow future projects which enhance and/or restore the integrity of these resources. For example, the protective covenant may allow a future project to enhance these waters of the U.S.; particularly if such a restoration project could be used as

compensatory mitigation for any unavoidable impacts caused by a permitted activity. Compensatory mitigation will be required for identifiable functional losses of aquatic resources. Compensatory mitigation requirements are discussed further under Special Condition 'f'. Refer to the Additional Special Conditions for other limitations regarding these type activities.

Class C Projects: Development and/or Improvements to Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Family Residential, and Institutional Facilities that Will Not be Subdivided. activity addresses the development of banks, restaurants, motels, hospitals, food-processing plants, apartments, nursing homes, municipal buildings, schools, parks, and other related facilities that will not be subdivided for multiple-ownership in the future. Allowable improvements include, but are not limited to: landclearing and grading; the placement of fill material for building foundations, access roads, parking lots, and other appurtenant structures; the installation of utility lines and substations; the realignment of stream sections for drainage improvement; the construction of retention ponds for stormwater runoff; and minor shoreline improvements, including piers, boat docks, access channels, and bulkheads and retaining walls for bank stabilization projects.

Site preparation and construction on an individual parcel shall impact no more than 1 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands. Compensatory mitigation will be required for identifiable functional losses of aquatic resources. Compensatory mitigation requirements are discussed further under Special Condition 'f'. Refer to the Additional Special Conditions for other limitations regarding these type activities.

4. Class D Projects: Commercial/Industrial Facilities that Will Be Subdivided. This activity addresses the development of industrial parks, retail centers, and other commercial/industrial facilities that will be subdivided/platted and sold as individual properties in the future. Allowable improvements include, but are not limited to: land-clearing and grading; the placement of fill material for building foundations, access roads, parking lots, and other appurtenant structures; the installation of utility lines and substations; the realignment of stream sections for drainage improvement; the construction of retention ponds for stormwater runoff; streambank stabilization; and minor shoreline improvements, including piers, boat docks, access channels, and bulkheads and retaining walls for bank stabilization projects.

For Class D projects, this General Permit shall only be used to authorize activities where the total area of waters of the United States, including wetlands, on the property to be subdivided is 1.0 acre or less, with the following exception. If the property contains more than 1 acre of waters of the United States, including wetlands, this General Permit may be used if a protective covenant is filed and recorded in the county/parish

land records office for any jurisdictional waters of the United States in excess of the 1.0 acre maximum allowable threshold for the entire development project. Further, all such protected areas shall be excluded from sellable parcels; and the commercial/industrial park plat shall be revised, if necessary, to distinguish the separation of the protected areas from the sellable parcels. The protective covenant on these waters of the United States shall prevent future negative impacts to these areas, but may be written to allow future projects which enhance and/or restore the integrity of these resources. For example, the protective covenant may allow a future project to enhance these waters of the U.S.; particularly if such a restoration project could be used as compensatory mitigation for any unavoidable impacts caused by a permitted activity. Compensatory mitigation will be required for identifiable functional losses of aquatic resources. Compensatory mitigation requirements are discussed further under Special Condition 'f'. Refer to the Additional Special Conditions for other limitations regarding these type activities.

Class E Projects: Activities Subject to the Food Security Act. This type project addresses minor improvements on farmland including such things as minor drainage relocation, small area brush removal, minor modifications to the reach of wetlands, and clearing and fill for the installation and operation of irrigation systems. For these and related activities subject to the Food Security Act, the applicant must supply to the District Engineer a copy of the agreement/ authorization from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service which states that the activity is in accordance with provisions of the Food Security Act, including Swampbuster. Compensatory mitigation will be required for identifiable functional losses of aquatic resources. Compensatory mitigation requirements are discussed further under Special Condition 'f'. Refer to the other Special Conditions for additional limitations regarding these type activities.

This action (reissuance of General Permit 28) is being taken pursuant to Federal regulations printed in the Federal Register on November 13, 1986, concerning permits for activities in waters of the United States. These regulations state the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' responsibility for regulating structures or work in or affecting waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 U.S.C. 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

General Permits may be issued for a category or categories of activities when:

(1) those activities are substantially similar in nature and cause only minimal individual and cumulative environmental impacts; or

(2) the General Permit would result in avoiding unnecessary duplication of the regulatory control exercised by another Federal, State, or local agency, provided it has been determined that the environmental consequences of the action are individually and cumulatively minimal. The determination that the proposed activities comply with the requirements for issuance of General Permits was made using information which is available for inspection at the offices of the Vicksburg District's Regulatory Branch at 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has defined mitigation to include: avoiding impacts, minimizing impacts, rectifying impacts, reducing impacts over time, and compensating for impacts. Early in the design phase of projects to be authorized under this General Permit, avoidance and minimization of impacts to wetlands and other waters of the U.S. must be considered, and the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative must be selected. The remaining impacts must be compensated for to the maximum extent practicable.

In compliance with requirements of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, the Vicksburg District will obtain water quality certification from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, stating that the work authorized by the proposed General Permit will not violate applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 306, and 307 of the Act.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE GENERAL PERMIT: IN ORDER TO BE AUTHORIZED BY THIS GENERAL PERMIT, PERSONS PROPOSING THE WORK ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TO THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, IN WRITING, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT LEAST 45 DAYS PRIOR TO CONDUCTING THE WORK:

- a. State the number of the General Permit under which the work is to be conducted. (General Permit 28)
- b. Name, mailing address, and telephone number of (person/agency) applying for authorization. If the application is being filed by an agent on behalf of an applicant, the application must include a signed statement from the applicant granting permission for the agent to act on his behalf in matters pertaining to the application.
- c. Statement certifying that the work will be conducted in compliance with the terms and conditions of the General Permit and will not adversely impact adjoining properties.
- d. Location map showing the proposed worksite. The maps shall be labeled to include geographical coordinates (latitude

and longitude) for a centralized point within the project site, and the section, Township, Range, County or Parish, and State.

- e. A brief description of the present condition of the project site, including vegetative cover, drainage patterns, the presence of historic properties, etc.
- f. A brief description of the proposed activity, its purpose, and intended use.
 - g. Estimated starting and completion dates of construction.
- h. A delineation of waters of the United States, including wetlands, on the project site. This delineation must be performed by a qualified individual and include a summary of the findings of the delineation survey, a map(s) of jurisdictional areas on the project site(s), area calculations of jurisdictional areas, and individual data sheets for sampled sites. [NOTE: For non-commercial projects, where the applicant cannot practicably provide this required information, the applicant may request that these determinations be made by the Corps. The evaluation of applications for which the applicant could not practicably provide this delineation may be substantially delayed to allow Vicksburg District staff time to make necessary site visits to collect information needed to make these determinations].
- i. Drawings of any proposed excavations and structures, and a tabular listing of all surface area dimensions (i.e., square feet and/or acres) of jurisdictional areas that will be affected by the project and amounts/volumes (i.e. cubic yards) of excavated and fill material (e.g. earthen material, rip rap, concrete, asphalt, etc.) that will be placed into jurisdictional areas. (NOTE: It is understood that these area and volumetric calculations can not be completed by the applicant until the jurisdictional areas on the project site have been delineated.)
- j. A written statement explaining how impacts to waters of the United States (including wetlands and jurisdictional streams) on the project site have been avoided and minimized during planning of the proposed activity. (NOTE: It is understood that impacts to waters of the United States can not be "avoided and minimized" during the project planning phase until the location(s) of jurisdictional waters of the United States on the project site have been delineated.)
- k. A Coastal Zone Consistency Determination or Waiver for projects located in Hancock County, Mississippi or St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana shall be submitted with the request for authorization under this General Permit. In order to obtain this consistency determination or waiver, applicants proposing work

should contact the appropriate state agency listed below. The consistency determination or waiver from that state agency must be submitted to the Corps along with their request for authorization under this General Permit:

For Hancock County, Mississippi, send complete plans to:

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Suite 101 1141 Bayview Avenue Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

For St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, send complete plans to:

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Division Post Office Box 44487 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487

(NOTE: These state agencies may not be able to complete their coastal zone consistency evaluation of a project until the delineation of waters of the United States, including wetlands, on the project site has been completed).

Applications will not be considered complete until all information listed above (i.e. Items a-k) has been received by the Corps. Upon receipt of a complete application, the District Engineer will evaluate the proposal and advise the inquiring party, in writing, either that additional information is required; that the work is authorized under the General Permit; or that the proposed activity will require an individual permit.

Additional Special Conditions:

- a. Authorization under this General Permit is valid for 3 years from the date of the authorizing letter.
- b. Any conditions on the water quality certifications issued from the State in which the work is proposed will be incorporated by reference. Enforcement actions resulting from noncompliance with those conditions may be initiated by the State or the Environmental Protection Agency.
- c. Appropriate and practicable steps must be taken to minimize potential adverse effects of the discharge on the aquatic ecosystem. Whenever practicable, non-wetland disposal sites must be used.
- d. The discharge shall not occur in a coastal zone management area without the appropriate State authorization. (See "Item k" under REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION UNDER THIS GENERAL PERMIT).

- e. No activity which may adversely impact a site listed in or eligible for listing in the <u>National Register of Historic</u> <u>Places</u> shall be allowed by this <u>General Permit</u>. Additional material shall not be taken from a known historical or archeological site, such as an Indian Mound. To help insure that these types of impacts are avoided, the Corps shall forward pertinent information from the completed application to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The SHPO shall have 15 calendar-days to provide comments to the Corps. the permittee, during prosecution of work authorized herein, encounters a previously unidentified archaeological site, historic property, or other cultural resource within the area subject to Department of the Army jurisdiction, he shall immediately notify the District Engineer. The District Engineer will then contact the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for a determination of whether or not the site may be eliqible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The applicant may be required to provide additional information to assist the SHPO/THPO in making this determination.
- f. If the project will result in an identifiable loss of wetland functions, the Corps shall be responsible for determining the extent of functional loss and shall inform the applicant of the compensatory mitigation requirement. The applicant will be required to submit a compensatory mitigation plan to offset this functional loss. The compensatory mitigation plan will be subject to Corps approval.

q. Construction limitations:

- 1. Construction of bulkheads or retaining walls and associated backfill must be specifically for bank stabilization and erosion control only.
- 2. The bulkhead or retaining wall shall not extend waterward farther than an average of 5 feet from the toe of the existing shoreline at ordinary high water elevation. The total project length shall not exceed 1,000 linear feet and must be a single and complete project.
- 3. The deposition of shoreline stabilization material and the construction of bulkheads and retaining walls shall not occur in vegetated wetlands, except for projects where the applicant can provide data or evidence that demonstrate that currently ongoing or imminent bank failure will have a greater negative impact on adjacent wetlands than the proposed shoreline/bank stabilization measures.
- 4. The construction of bank stabilization measures, including bulkheads and retaining walls, shall not result in the relocation of a natural stream or river channel and shall not impede streamflow or the natural drainage pattern.

- 5. Up to 2,000 cubic yards of suitable dredged, excavated or fill material may be placed into waters of the United States for bank stabilization and erosion control measures.
- 6. Up to 1,000 cubic yards of suitable dredged, excavated, or fill material may be discharged into waters of the United States at any one site for construction and/or maintenance of boat docks, boat slips, piers, steps, walkways, and other shoreline improvements.
- 7. "Keyhole" boat slips will not be authorized by this General Permit. Activities and discharges associated with the construction of "indented" boat slips may be authorized by this General Permit (see drawings in enclosure 2). Boat slips in wetland areas shall not exceed 25 feet in width and 50 feet in length.
- 8. Material shall be compacted upon completion of construction, and the site shall be naturally vegetated, seeded, or sodded, as necessary, to restore cover and prevent erosion. Excess material shall be disposed of in an upland area.
- This General Permit does not authorize work or structures that could impede or obstruct navigation (including recreational boating) or create a safety hazard. For projects authorized under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 U.S.C. 403) by this General Permit, the permittee understands and agrees that, if future operations by the United States require the removal, relocation, or other alteration, of the structure or work herein authorized, or if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army or his authorized representative, said structure or work shall cause unreasonable obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters, the permittee will be required, upon due notice from the Corps of Engineers, to remove, relocate, or alter the structural work or obstructions caused thereby, without expense to the United States. No claim shall be made against the United States on account of any such removal or alteration.
- i. This General Permit does not authorize work that could adversely affect adjacent property. If it is determined that the work authorized by this General Permit is adversely affecting adjacent property, the permittee may be required to modify the project or restore the project site.
- j. The discharge shall not occur in a component of the National Wild and Scenic River System or in a component of a State Wild and Scenic River System without the appropriate Federal or state authorization.

k. The activity shall not have adverse impacts to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) located in tidal waters, tidally influenced waters, or waters immediately adjacent to, and which therefore can be shown to have substantial adverse influences on, EFH in tidal or tidally influenced waters. To help insure that adverse impacts do not occur to EFH in these type waters, pertinent portions of completed applications for work in Hancock County, Mississippi, or St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, will be forwarded by the Corps project manager to the appropriate National Marine Fisheries Service office for their review and comment. NMFS staff will be given 15 calendar days to reply to this Pre-Construction Notification (PCN).

For Hancock County, Mississippi, PCNs shall be mailed or faxed to:

NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division Attention: Mr. Mark Thompson 3500 Delwood Beach Road Panama City, Florida 32408 Phone: 850-234-5061

For St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, PCNs shall be mailed or faxed to:

NOAA Fisheries c/o LSU Attention: Mr. Richard Hartman Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803-7535 Phone: 225-389-0508

- 1. The discharge shall not adversely affect Federally listed threatened or endangered species, or their critical habitat.
- m. No work shall be performed within 1,500 feet of a colonial bird rookery.
- n. No work shall be performed within the boundaries of a National or State wildlife refuge, game management area, or similar area, without specific authorization by the manager of the facility or an appropriate managing agency official.
 - o. Discharge Limitations:
- 1. Dredged, excavated, or fill material used for construction shall be nonpolluting material in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidelines for the Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material found in 40 CFR 230.
- 2. No sewage, oil, refuse, or other pollutants shall be discharged into the watercourse.

- 3. The discharge shall not be located so as to adversely affect a public water supply intake or a national fish hatchery intake.
- 4. The discharge shall not contain unacceptable levels of pathogenic organisms in areas used for sports involving physical contact with the water.
- 5. The discharge shall not occur in areas of concentrated shellfish production.

General Conditions:

- a. You must maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit. You are not relieved of this requirement if you abandon the permitted activity, although you may make a good faith transfer to a third party in compliance with General Condition c. below. Should you wish to cease to maintain the authorized activity or should you desire to abandon it without a good faith transfer, you must obtain a modification of this authorization from this office, which may require restoration of the area.
- b. If you sell the property associated with the authorization under this General Permit, you must contact this office so that the authorization can be transferred to the new owner.
- c. You must allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of your permit.
- d. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, State, or local authorizations required by law.
- e. This permit does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges.
- f. This permit does not authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.
- g. This permit does not authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project.
- h. In issuing this permit, the Federal Government does not assume any liability for the following:
- (1) Damages to the permitted project, or uses thereof, as a result of other permitted or unpermitted activities or from natural causes.

- (2) Damages to the permitted project or uses thereof as a result of current or future activities undertaken by or on behalf of the United States in the public interest.
- (3) Damages to persons, property, or to other permitted or unpermitted activities or structures caused by the activity authorized by this permit.
- (4) Design or construction deficiencies associated with the permitted work.
- (5) Damage claims associated with any future modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit.
- i. In issuing individual authorization under this General Permit, the Government will rely on the information and data which the permittee provides in connection with his permit application. If, subsequent to the authorization, such information and data prove to be false, incomplete, or inaccurate, this authorization may be modified, suspended, or revoked, in whole or in part, and/or the Government may, in addition, institute appropriate legal proceedings.

Further Information:

- a. Additional copies of this Public Notice are available upon request from this office. Requests may be addressed to: USACE, Vicksburg District, ATTN: Regulatory Branch, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.
- The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.
- c. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of

Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

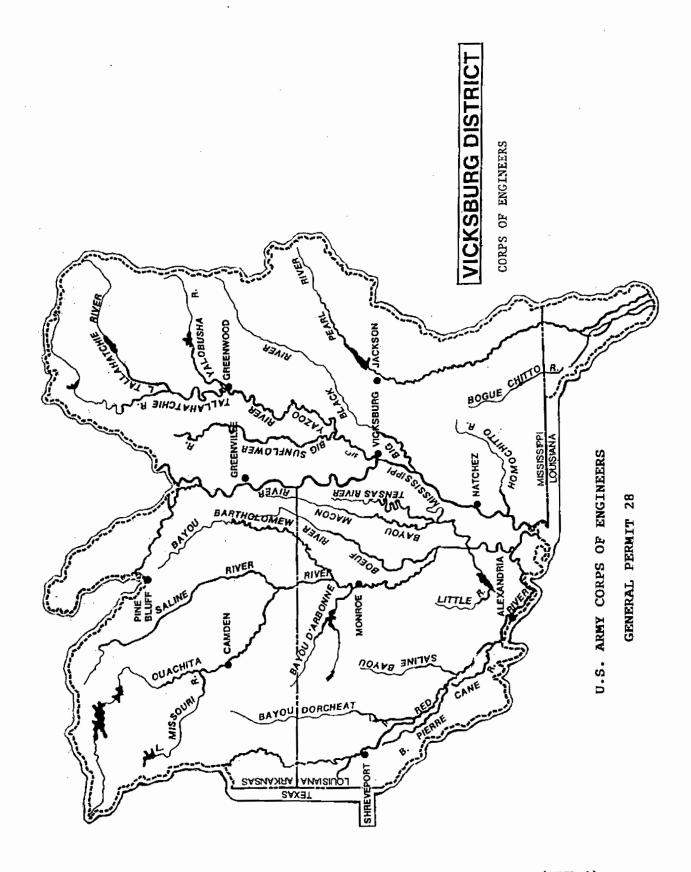
- d. Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this proposed General Permit. This request must be made by the expiration date of this public notice and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Any individual or agency may comment on the project described in this notice; however, failure to comment will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed General Permit. All comments received will be evaluated during the review process of this proposed General Permit.
- e. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter. Anyone wishing to make comments may communicate with us at the following address: USACE, Vicksburg District, ATTN: Regulatory Branch, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

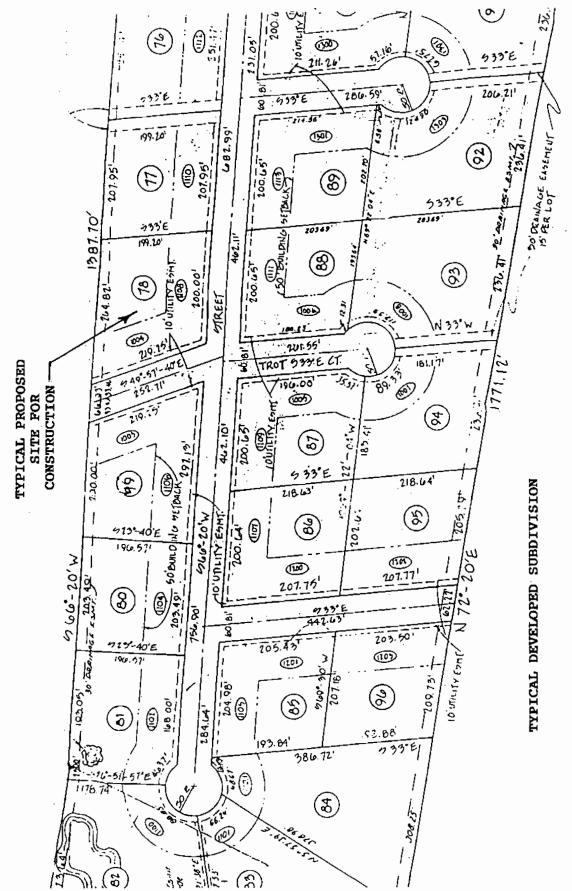
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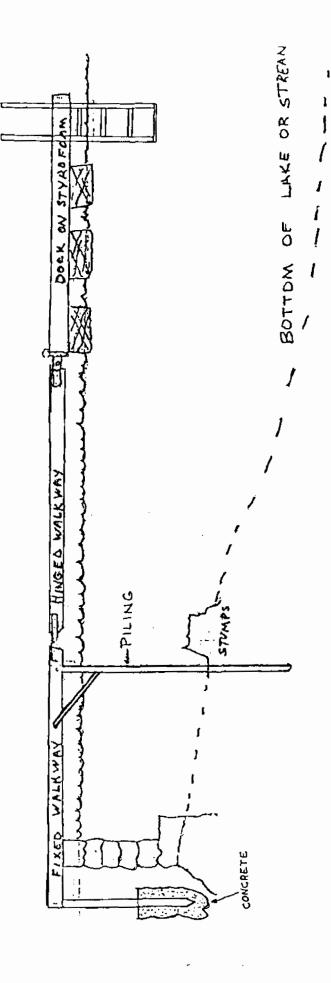
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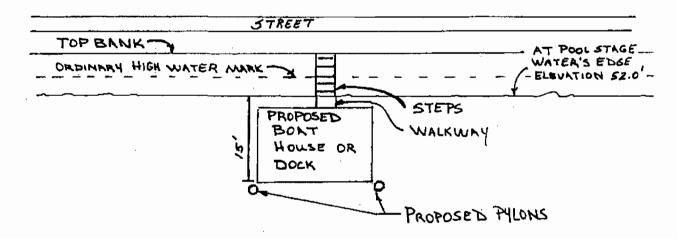
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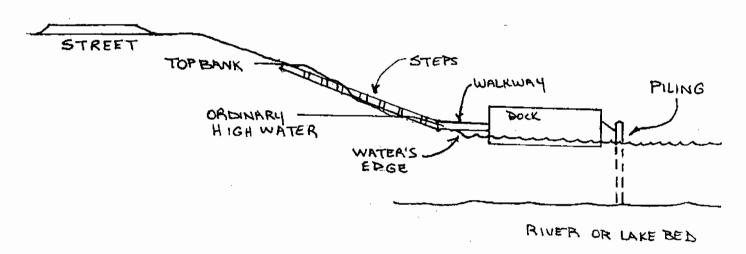
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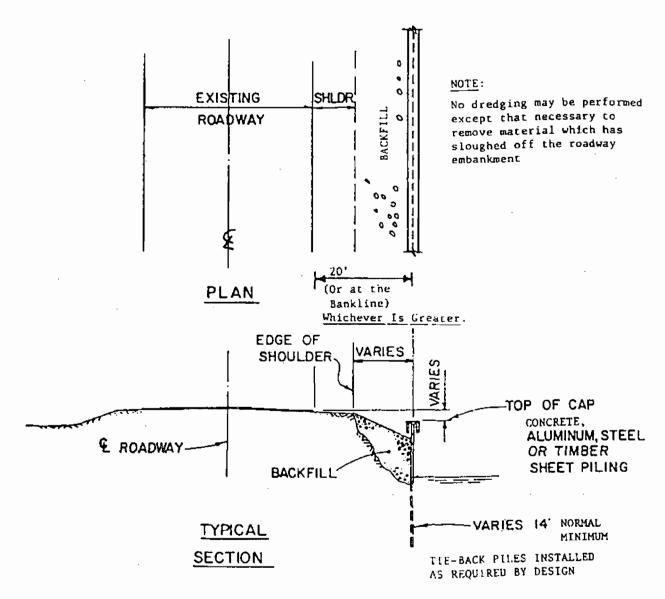


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